

POINT PAPER

ON

ANTISATELLITE (ASAT) STUDY (U)

- (U) Congressional actions for FY87 program:
  - (U) No intercept testing against objects in space.
  - (U) No Production Verification (PV) for the Miniature Vehicle (MV)--PV for missile, carrier aircraft equipment, support equipment, etc, still allowed.
  - (U) Limits FY87 expenditures to \$200M, RDT&E only (President's Budget requested \$324M).
    - (U) Zeroed 3020 funds for long lead missile components; delays production start from FY88 to FY89.
    - (U) Zeroed 3080 funds for Mission Control Center (MCC); delays MCC start from FY87 to FY88.
    - (U) Reduced 3600 funds from \$278M to \$200M--requires RDT&E program restructure.
- NSSD 4-86, signed by President Reagan, 20 Oct 86, calls for a thorough exploration of US ASAT options.
  - (U) Air-Launched ASAT a "good first step."
    - (U) "Support has eroded due to high cost, limited capability."
  - (U) Enhanced performance expected from newer systems, given development time.
  - (U) US ASAT capability must be continued in some form.
  - SECDEF report to President, WLT 12 Dec 86, regarding Air-Launched ASAT continuation/alternate program options.
    - (U) Appropriate modifications to Air-Launched ASAT.
    - (U) New program with more capable technologies.
  - Joint RDS, XOS Kick-off meeting, 29-30 OCT, at Pentagon--XPD representatives participating.

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--- (U) DOD to consider options for US ASAT capability in early 1990s without requirement for intercept testing against objects in space during next two years.

--- (U) Air-Launched ASAT Contingency Capability planning/preparation is continuing at rapid pace.

-- (U) SOC approved by Air Staff; OPLAN on its way to JCS for approval; procedures/checklists written; two C<sup>2</sup> exercises accomplished with third planned for Dec 86.

-- (U) Current SPO guidelines for program restructure state: "Contingency Capability must not be compromised."

-- (U) Only concerns are force structure and any unknown technical problems which might surface.

--- (U) SPO vigorously working within Congressional funding constraints.

--- (U) Four ROTC missiles planned for delivery to Edwards AFB in FY87; first one ready by Mid Jan 87.

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